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9	Visveswaraya Engineering College, Dist. Nasik (Maharashtra)	Chemical Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering

ist of Polytechnics approved by AICTE during 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra

1	K.K. Wagh Women's Polytechnic. Hirabai aridas Vidyanagari, Amrut Dham, Panchavati, Nashik-422003	Dress Designing & Mnfg. Interior Design & Decoration
2	Shree Hanuman Vyavam Prasarak Mandal's Polytechnic, Amravati Nashik-422003	Computer Maintenance Engg. (PG) Computer Software Tech. (PD.)
3.	Naval Institute of Technology, 4, Pasta Lane, Colaba Mumbai-400005.	Computer Engineering Travel & Tourism Electronics & Telecomm. Engg.
4.	Centre for Electronics Design & Technology, Dr. B.A.M. University, Aurangabad-431004	Electronics Production & Maintenance.

Saikia Committee

2457. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee recently under the Chairmanship of Shri R.N. Saikia to make improvements in the existing education policy;

(b) if so, the names of other member of the Committee and details of their speciality in the field of education,

(c) whether the Government have fixed any time-limit for submitting the report by the Committee;

(d) if so the details thereof;

(e) the facilities provided by the Government to the Committee for completing their task; and

(f) the facilities demanded by the Commitee but have not been provided by the Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Government have appointed a Committee chaired by Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Union Minister for [illegible] Development (Education) to consider the financial, administrative, legal and academic implications of the proposal to make the right to free and compulsory elementary education a Fundamental Right.

(b) to (d). The names and designations of members of the Committee are shown in copy of this Department's Order dated 29 August, 1996, constituting the Committee enclosed as statement. The tenure of the Committee is upto 15-01-1997.

(e) The members of the Committee are entitled to TA and DA as per Government of India Rules.

(f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

No. F.1-53/92-EE
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Deptt. of Education)

New Delhi, 29th August, 1996

ORDER

The Common Minimum Programme of the United Front proposes to make free and compulsory education for children upto 14 years a Fundamental Right for achieving universalisation of elementary education by the turn of the century. This proposal would give the entire nation the necessary resolve to achieve this goal and help in harmessing the resources required for this purpose. The pros and cons of the proposal were deliberated upon in the Conference of State Education Ministers on 10th August, 1996. While recognising the significance of the proposed Constitutional Amendment, the Conference felt that widespread consultations at the political level were necessary to carefully consider the legal, financial, administrative and academic implications of the matter. Accordingly, it has been decided to set up a Committee of Ministers to examine the varjous (legal, financial, administrative and academic) implications of this proposal. The composition of the Committee would be as follows :-

1. Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India - Chairman.
2. Shri Jayaprakas Narayan Yadav, Education Minister, Bihar
3. Shri Kanti Biswas, Minister-in-charge, School Education West Bengal.
4. Hon'ble Prof. K. Anbazbagan, Education Minister, Tamil Nadu.
5. Shri P.J. Joseph, Education Minister, Kerala.
6. Shri H.G. Govinda Gowda, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka.

7. Shri Sudhir Joshi, Minister for School Education Maharashtra.

8. Shri Mukesh Naik, Minister of School Education, Madhya Pradesh.

9. Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Education Minister, Haryana.

10. Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Education Minister, Rajasthan.

11. Shri Jai-Dev Jena, Minister for School & Mass Education, Orissa.

12. Ksh. Irabot Singh, Education Minister, Manipur.

13. Shri B. Durga Prasada Rao, Minister for Primary & Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh.

14. Smt. Chitra Naik, Member, Planning Commission.

15. Shri A. Mohandas Moses, Advisor, Jammu & Kashmir.

16. Shri Abhimanyu Singh, Joint Secretary (EE) Department of Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) Member - Secretary.

Special Invitees

17. Law Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary.

18. Dr. R.V. Vaidhyanatha Ayyar, Additional Secretary.

19. Shri R.S. Pandey, Joint Secretary (DPEP).

20. Shri S. Satyamoorthy, Financial Adviser, MHRD.

2. The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows :-

(i) to examine and consider the legal, academic, administrative and financial implications of the proposal to amend the Constitution to make the right to free and compulsory education a fundamental right;

(ii) to suggest suitable statutory measures to enforce this fundamental right;

(iii) to suggest guidelines indicating facilities, which if not provided, would be justiciable.

3. The Chairman of the Committee will have powers to coopt members and to set up sub-committees to assist it in its task;

4. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of two months from the date of its first meeting;

5. E.E. Bureau would provide necessary secretariat assistance for the Committee's work.

6. The non-official members coopted members or members of sub-committees will be entitled to travel and daily allowance as per Government of India rules.

Sd/-
(Atul Bagai)
Deputy Secretary (EE)
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Copy for information & action to :

1. Members of the Committee.

2. Education Secretaries of All States & Union Territories.

3. Directors of Education of all States & Union Territories.

4. I.F.D./E-I/PPS to ES.

5. Education Secretary, Government of India.

[English]

Pak's Stealing of Technology from U.K.

2458. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan is plotting to steal technology from U.K. for its nuclear programme;

(b) whether this matter has been reported in the press;

(c) if so, whether this report has been confirmed by U.K.;

(d) whether this has posed a great threat to India; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by Indian Government to meet the threat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e). Government are aware that a Pakistani official was deported from UK in early 1996 for attempting to procure sensitive equipment intended for Pakistan's clandstine nuclear weapon programme. The implications of Pakistan's programme are periodically assessed and evaluated. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perception.

[Translation]

Post Lying Vacant in Homoeopathic College in U.P.

2459. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that, all the State Homoeopathic Medical Colleges in